

ISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY ASSIGNEE

I hereby declare that:

My residence and post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name, I am authorized to act on behalf of Milliken & Company, the assignee, and the title of my position with Milliken & Company is Vice President and Senior General Counsel. The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in Milliken & Company.

Name of Patentee: Ramesh Keshavaraj

Patent Number: 6,294,487, issued September 25, 2001

Title of Invention: Airbag Fabric Processing Very Low Cover Factor

I believe said patentee to be the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled **Airbag Fabric Processing Very Low Cover Factor**, the specification of which is filed concurrently herewith. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be partially inoperative or invalid, in that the issued claims are broader than that to which patentee is entitled such that the current claims do not properly reflect that which patentee actually invented and thus had a right to claim in the patent. Specifically, the claim to a low cover factor airbag fabric coated with any type of airbag coating was apparently practiced commercially in terms of thick silicone-based coatings at a date at least one year prior to patentee's filing date. Such a commercial practice went unnoticed by patentee until after the issuance of the above-referenced patent. The claims and claim limitations pertaining to films adhered to such low cover airbag fabrics are not effected by such a prior art issue. The error thus corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant (patentee).

POWER OF ATTORNEY: I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of person signing: Terry T. Moyer

Signature: 

Date: 2/4/02

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Residence:

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Citizenship:

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ramesh Keshavaraj
(Milliken & Company, Assignee)

Reissue Application Number: Unknown (based on US Pat. No. 6,294,487)

Filed: Concurrently

For: **AIRBAG FABRIC PROCESSING VERY
LOW COVER FACTOR**

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Singh, A.

ASSENT BY ASSIGNEE FOR FILING OF REISSUE APPLICATION

Box Reissue
Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is part of the application for a reissue patent filed herewith based on the original
United States patent numbered 6,294,487, entitled AIRBAG FABRIC PROCESSING VERY
LOW COVER FACTOR, granted on September 25, 2001, to Ramesh Keshavaraj.

Milliken & Company is an assignee owning an undivided interest to the above-referenced
original patent.

Milliken & Company herein assents to the accompanying application for reissue.

A Statement by Assignee establishing right of assignee to take action can be found in the accompanying Offer to Surrender concurrently filed herewith.

Assignee: Milliken & Company


Signed: 

Date: February 4, 2002

Terry T. Moyer,
Vice President and Senior General Counsel
Milliken & Company

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail" Identification number EL825877453US in an envelope addressed to Box Patent Application, The Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on February 4, 2002, with (1) a copy of the original US Patent No. 6,294,487, (2) a declaration and power of attorney, (3) a Preliminary Amendment, (4) an Offer to Surrender the original letters patent, (5) the original letters patent, and (6) a Post Card Receipt.


William S. Parks, Attorney for Assignee

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REISSUE APPLICATION BY ASSIGNEE, OFFER TO SURRENDER (37 CFR § 1.178)

Box Reissue
Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

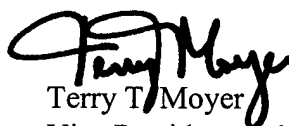
The undersigned makes this statement as part of the accompanying reissue application for the reissue of letters patent number 6,294,487, entitled AIRBAG FABRIC PROCESSING VERY LOW COVER FACTOR, granted on September 25, 2001, to Ramesh Keshavaraj, and declares that it is now owner by assignment of the entire interest in said original patent and hereby offers to surrender said letters patent.

STATEMENT BY ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)

Attached hereto is a copy of the original assignment from the inventors to assignee recorded within the United States Patent & Trademark Office on October 4, 1999, on Reel 010561, Frame 0046. Such an assignment establishes the right of the assignee thereof to take action in this reissue.

Respectfully submitted,

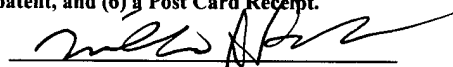
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William S. Parks, Attorney for Assignee

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Ramesh Keshavaraj, a citizen of the India, residing at 119 Old Airport Road, Apartment #101, LaGrange, GA 30240, in the County of Troup, and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful improvements in AIRBAG FABRIC POSSESSING VERY LOW COVER FACTOR, for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of even date herewith; and

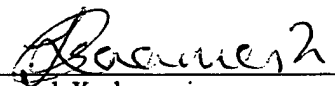
WHEREAS, MILLIKEN & COMPANY, a Corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and located at Spartanburg, in the County of Spartanburg and State of South Carolina, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Ramesh Keshavaraj have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said MILLIKEN & COMPANY, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issued all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said MILLIKEN & COMPANY, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I HEREBY COVENANT that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I HEREBY FURTHER COVENANT that I will communicate to the said Corporation, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said Corporation, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal on September 24, 1999.


Ramesh Keshavaraj (L.S.)


STATE OF Georgia)

) ss

COUNTY OF Troup)

On September 24, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Ramesh Keshavaraj, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

SEAL


Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 15, 2002.